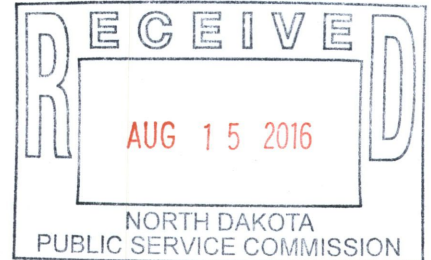


August 15, 2016

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Mr. Darrell Nitschke
Executive Secretary
North Dakota Public Service Commission
600 E. Boulevard, Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480



**Re: Dakota Access, LLC
Case No. PU-14-842**

Dear Mr. Nitschke:

Enclosed for filing in the above entitled matter, please find eleven (11) copies (we do not have the original) of the following documents:

- Human Remains Call, Morton County Cannonball Ranch Locality; and
- Certificate of Service

Also enclosed is a CD containing the above-referenced documents in PDF format. Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lawrence Bender".

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Enclosures

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**Human Remains Call, Morton County
Cannonball Ranch Locality**

On Friday afternoon, August 12, 2016, the State Historical Society of North Dakota (SHSND) was contacted by Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement and other parties that possible human remains had been reported from a location on the Cannonball Ranch property in Morton County where the Dakota Access Pipeline project (DAPL) had initiated topsoil stripping and stockpiling activities earlier in the day for a pipe lay-down staging area.

Paul Picha upon receiving this information had contacted the North Dakota Department of Health and State Medical Examiner and inquired whether the possible remains find had been reported to them, and each replied it had not.

Picha had telephone contact with the North Dakota Intertribal Reinterment Committee (NDIRC) members Dianne Desrosiers (Sisseton Wahpeton) and Tim Mentz, Sr., (Standing Rock) with those parties requesting an on-site visit, as they were in transit to the Cannonball Ranch locality. Picha also had contacted the Morton County Sheriff's Department and relayed information that the SHSND and NDIRC were travelling to the locality.

Morton County Sheriff Kyle Kirchmeier met and escorted Paul Picha and Brooke Morgan, (SHSND), Dianne Desrosiers, Tim Mentz, Sr., and George Ironshield (NDIRC) to the ranch parcel. The DAPL staging area had been stripped with heavy equipment to a depth of about eight (8) inches below surface, with the topsoil stockpiled adjacent to it. Based on an on-site inspection by the aforementioned, the locality revealed no evidence of human remains, a burial, or other cultural remains. These negative findings were reported verbally to Sheriff Kirchmeier on early Friday evening prior to the departure of SHSND personnel Picha and Morgan.

Paul R. Picha
Chief Archaeologist
Archaeology and Historic Preservation Division
State Historical Society of North Dakota

August 13, 2016
Date

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA**

**Dakota Access, LLC
Dakota Access Pipeline Project
Siting Application**

CASE NO. PU-14-842

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the following document:

- Human Remains Call, Morton County Cannonball Ranch Locality

was on the 15th day of August, 2016 served by placing the same in the United States mail, postage prepaid, properly addressed to the following:

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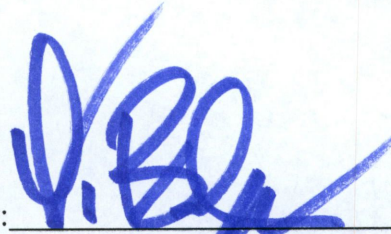
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